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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

1. On 15 August 1948, a French Army mission purchased 60,000,000 Swiss francs worth of old stocks from Emil Buehrle & Co., Oerlikon. The material consists for the most part of 20 mm antiaircraft guns with stationary mounts. The Swiss export license is to be obtained by the French.
  2. Hans Lippert's new gun mount invention, adjustable to rapid or slow gun laying, has been patented by Buehrle. Lippert was recently in Paris to discuss the construction details of a 30 mm aerial gun capable of firing 1,000 to 1,200 rounds per minute with a muzzle velocity of 830 m.
  3. On 15 August, French General Salmon, Chief of Engineers (sic), discussed plans for the construction of armament factories in French Morocco to be undertaken jointly by the French and Buehrle.
- 25X1A [REDACTED] Since available reference material does not list a General Salmon, the Salmon referred to may possibly be the head of the French Commissariat Général aux Economies de Matières, Ingénieur Général F. A. Salmon.)

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